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1924 Spring Catalogue

of
Higher Types of Small Fruits and Flowers



Balsam Superflora (See Under Flower Seeds)

Grown and For Sale by
JOHN L. WILSON
Elk City, Kansas

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JOHN L. WILSON—Higher Types of Small Fruits and Flowers — Elk City, Kansas

To My Patrons and Friends:

With pleasure I again submit my annual spring catalogue for your approval.

The last season showed a nice increase in business over the preceding one and notwithstanding the unfavorable weather conditions last summer, by having my stock on ideal soil and by thorough cultivation, I have a larger stock than before, and the quality is exceptionally good.

You will note that I am offering a larger variety to select from than last year, but I have only added kinds that are equal or superior to those listed last year.

Again let me thank you for your liberal patronage, and for the very complimentary remarks of those who saw my flowers last summer.

I shall ever try to merit the confidence and good wishes of all. Send me an order.

Yours truly,

JOHN L. WILSON.

Please send me your order early.

I pay the transportation charges on everything listed in this catalogue at prices quoted.

Remittance may be made by Postal or Express Money Order, Bank Draft, Check, or if registered by Cash. Stamps may be sent for small amounts.

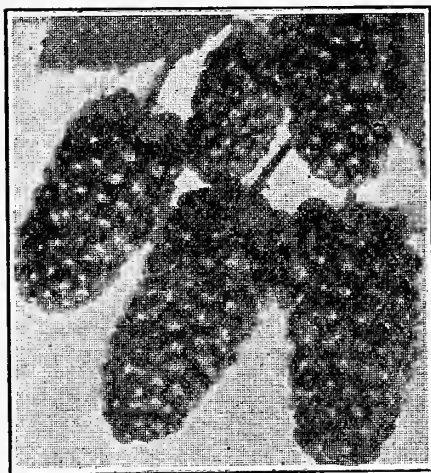
I guarantee stock to be sound and good and arrive safely, but as to the crop, growth, trueness to name or any other matter I give no warranty expressed or implied to a larger extent than the purchase price.

The prices in this catalogue cancel all previous ones and hold good till further notice.

Small Fruits.

The small fruit plants I offer are adapted to the needs of every farmer, or to every town or city dweller who has his or her own garden. A large acreage of these plants will generally prove profitable as there is an ever increasing demand for berries, grapes, etc. by those who are not in a position to grow them. The city gardener will find them profitable for the reason that such a large quantity can be grown on so small an area of ground. A larger consumption of fruit will add greatly to the health and happiness of our people.

BLACKBERRIES.



The two popular and standard varieties I list are of easy cultivation, very hardy, prolific producers and are not so susceptible to rust as many others.

Kittatinny. Late, very large, glossy black, sweet and melting, excellent flavor. Strong well rooted plants.

Doz. 50c, 100 \$3.50.

Early Harvest. Of good size and quality, not so large as the above but two or three weeks earlier. Doz. 50c, 100 \$3.50

Kittatinny Blackberry

STRAWBERRIES.

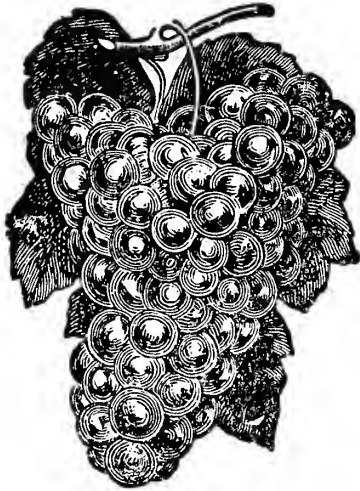
Senator Dunlap. Perfect flowering, midseason. The most easily grown midseason berry. A prolific reproducer of plants. Very productive of large berries of good quality and flavor. One of the best for family use and home market. Per 100, \$1.00; 25 at the 100 rate.

RHUBARB.

Rhubarb or Pieplant is the first vegetable product of the garden in the spring to take the place of fruit. A few hills will supply a family and requires but little attention after established. It should be taken up and divided every three to five years. Plant in clean rich soil, three to four feet apart each way, and cultivate well the first year. Mulch with stable manure in the fall after the ground is frozen. My rhubarb is not grown from seed, but from divisions. It is the large kind with crisp red stalks. We have sold many thousands of these plants.

Large Victoria. Good divisions. Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$6.00.

GRAPES.



Concord Grape

The grapes I list are of the highest proven merit. While I am experimenting some with other grapes, I am not in position to recommend any other kinds so highly as these at this time.

Concord. This is the most popular, the most extensively grown, the hardiest of all black grapes. The bunches and berries are large, good quality and handsome. My 2-yr. plants are exceptionally good and well rooted this year.

2yr. each 15c; Doz. \$1.50; 100 \$12.50.

1 yr. each 10c; Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$6.00.

Moore's Early The best early black grape. Hardy, productive and of excellent quality. Similar to Concord, but two or three weeks earlier.

Good plants. each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

Clinton. This is an old variety of grape, somewhat smaller than Concord, but of better flavor and about two weeks earlier. They make very long vines and are well adapted to use for covering arbors, walls and the like.

1 yr. each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

Niagra. The standard hardy white table grape.

Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

Flowering Bulbs and Plants.

CANNAS.

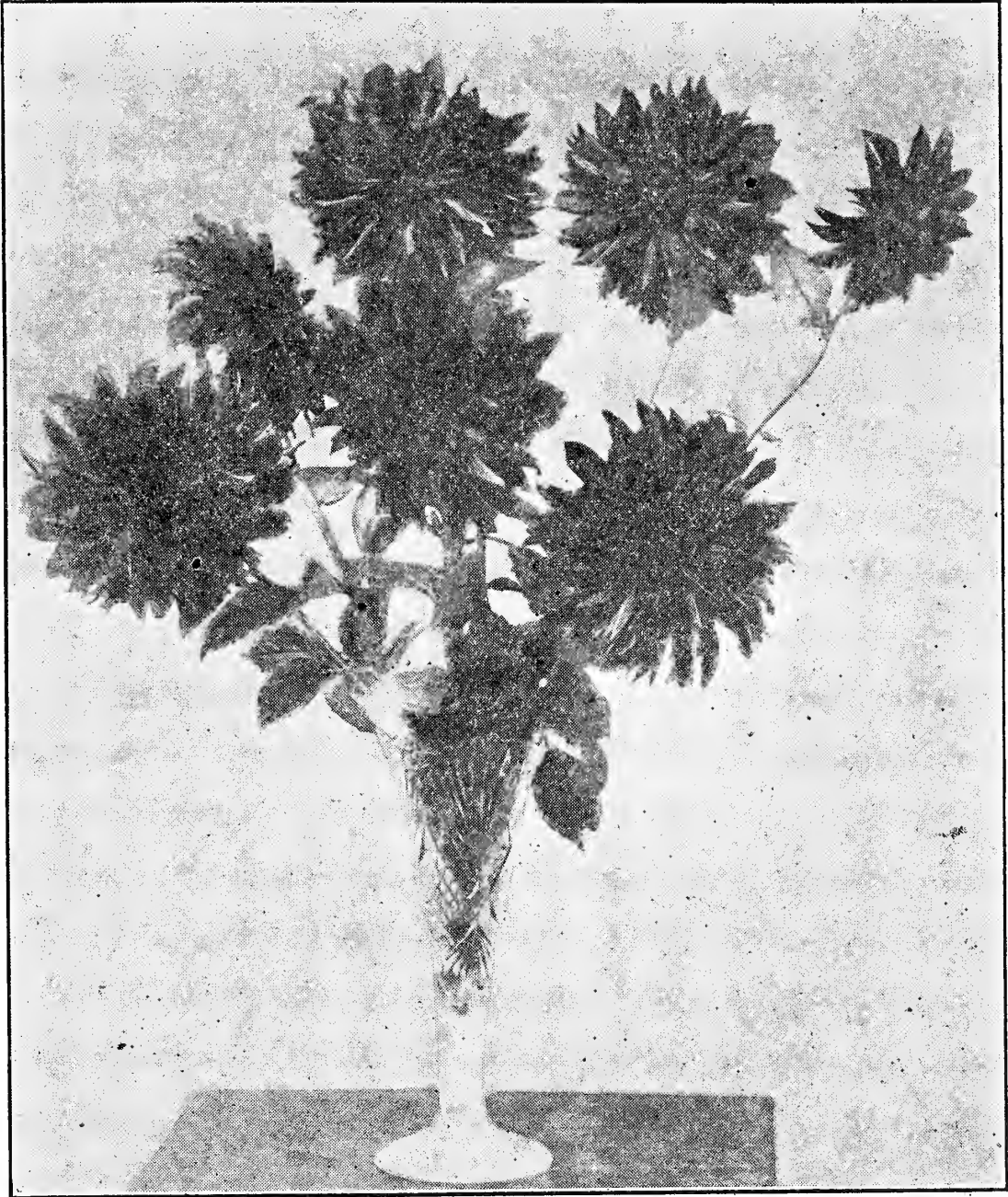
These are one of the most popular bedding plants. They will grow in any kind of soil, but require a sunny position. Spade deeply, mixing in thoroughly well-decayed manure or commercial fertilizer. Plant after danger of frost is over, one and a half to two feet apart and six inches deep.

The President. This is recognized as the highest type, the most magnificent, large flowering red canna in existence. Many large bright glowing red flowers open at a time on upright stems well above the dark green foliage. Three to four feet high.

Each 10c; Per Doz. \$1.00; 100 \$6.00.

King Humbert. The best and largest flowering bronze foliage canna. Very large flowers of bright orange scarlet, born three to four feet high. The beautiful foliage is dark bronze. Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.

DAHLIAS.



Mina Burgle.

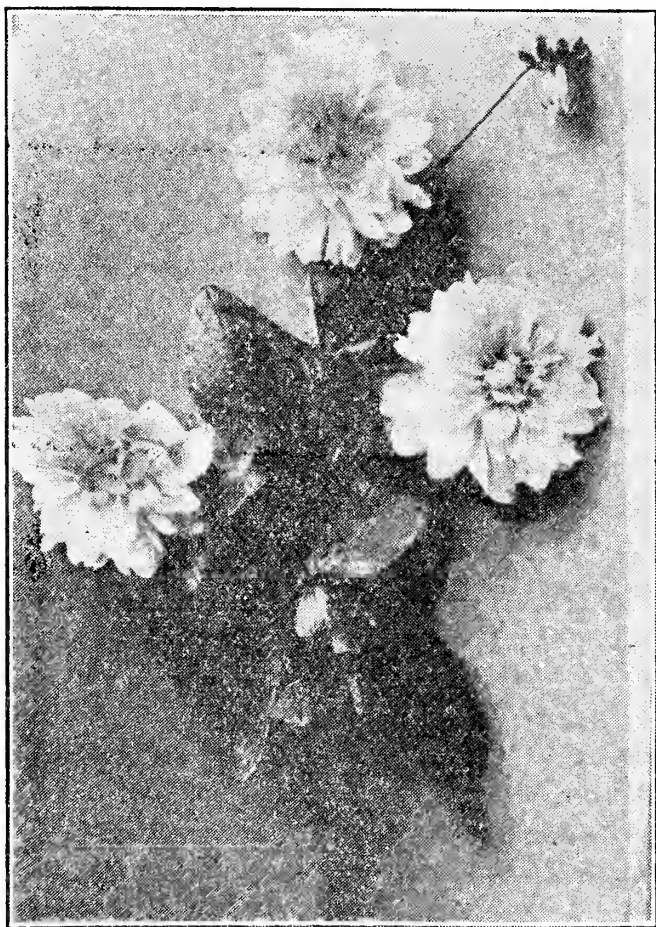
Plant Dahlias in any good garden soil in rows three feet apart, eighteen inches apart in the row, about six inches deep, after danger of frost is past. Lay the tubers down flat with bud looking up, instead of standing them on end. Cultivate thoroughly always, deeply at first, but after the blooms appear, keep only the surface worked, so as to not disturb the roots. Pinching the tops of the plants when there are four leaves on them will induce them to branch at

the ground, sending up four main stalks instead of one, and increase the number of flowers, but retard their blooming about two weeks. When the buds appear, pinching out the smaller buds as soon as found will throw more strength into those that remain, producing larger flowers.

Sometimes a plant forms so many little buds and branches that none can develop into flowers. Then you should pinch out a lot of buds and branches, giving what remain a chance to develop.

After they are killed by frost in the fall dig the whole clump together very carefully so as to not break off the tubers. Cut the stalk off, leaving about an inch of it to the clump. Let it dry in the sun a little, (two or three hours) and place upside down in a cool frost-proof cellar till Spring. When dividing the clumps, cut off a part of the old stalk in each division, being careful not to break the tubers off at the neck. The buds do not grow on the body of the tubers, but on the crown or bulging portion where it connects to the old stalk.

The list I offer is not a long one but comprises a few of the best new ones, the largest ones, the prettiest ones and most popular, in a variety of beautiful colors.



Darlene.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS.

This is the Most Popular Type.

Darlene (New). An early flowering, free blooming variety, large flowers of delicate shell-pink, blending to white at centers.

Each 75c; Doz. \$6.50.

Dr. Thurman (New). Large flowers with petals of clear yellow with a blend of copper tints, fine and a free bloomer.

Each 30c; Doz. \$3.00.

Elsie Davidson. Large deep golden yellow.

Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.



Jack Rose.

Jack Rose. Deep crimson. Very popular and a good one. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

Mina Burgle. Deep glowing crimson, blooms profusely from early till frost. Large flowers on long stems. One of the very best crimson Dahlias. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.00.

Queen Mary. A beautiful shade of pink. Long stems, free flowering, fine for cutting. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.

Oregon Beauty. This is a very large, ball shaped dahlia of beautiful glowing scarlet. Exceptionally free flowering.

Long wiry stems make it unsurpassed for cutting. Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50

Dracut Purple. A fine free flowering, true purple, self colored dahlia. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

F. A. Walker. Pale rosalene purple. Large flowers. A popular dahlia. Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.

Souv. de Gustav Doazon. Beautiful orange-red of gigantic size. This is the largest flowering Dahlia in the world. Full to the center and often measuring eight or nine inches across, and can be forced to twelve inches in diameter. Plant is tall and vigorous, long stiff stems, one of the best. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

White Swan. Pure white.

Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

CACTUS TYPE.

J. H. Jackson. The finest dark Cactus Dahlia to date. Very dark red, almost black, very large, free bloomer. Each 15c; Doz. \$1.50.

Cycle. A beautiful red, large flowers, free bloomer. One of the best cactus dahlias. Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.

Queen of Hearts. Pure white, base of petals chalcedony yellow. Long stems, free flowering. **Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.**

SHOW AND FANCY DAHLIAS.

David Warfield. (New) Lovely cherry-red. Large flowers and stiff wiry stems. Very fine. **Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.**

J. K. Alexander. Very free bloomer, producing large flowers of rich violet-purple on very long wiry stems, well above the foliage. A grand Dahlia. **Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.**

Miss Helen Hollis. One of the best deep scarlet show Dahlias to date. Plant is very sturdy and blooms freely. **Each 35c; Doz. \$3.50.**

Tillamook. A beautiful shade of soft rose-pink. Large round flowers on long stems. **Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.**

Storm King. Pure white, large, round, ball-shaped flowers on long stems. Free flowering. **Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.**

POMPON DAHLIAS.

These are small double flowers, less than two inches in diameter. They bloom more freely than any other class. Fine for bouquets, having long stiff stems.

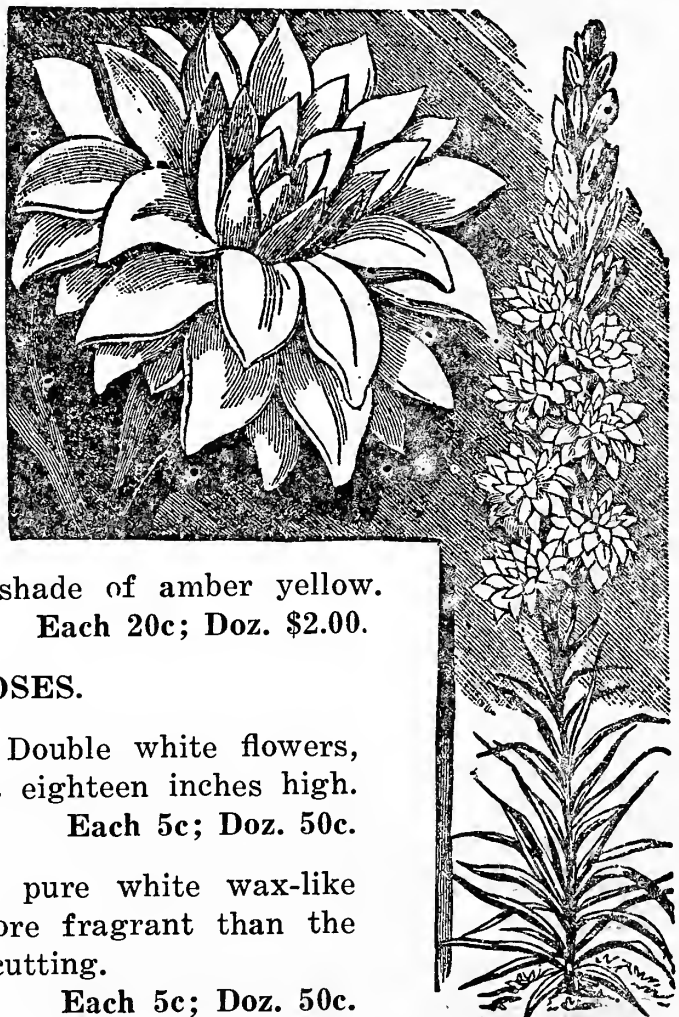
Golden Queen. Pure clear yellow. The best yellow Pompon yet introduced. **Each 25c.**

Amber Queen. A nice shade of amber yellow. Profuse bloomer. **Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.**

TUBEROSES.

Dwarf Excelsior Pearl. Double white flowers, borne on a spike about eighteen inches high. Wonderfully fragrant. **Each 5c; Doz. 50c.**

Mexican Single. Delicate pure white wax-like single flowers, even more fragrant than the double ones. Fine for cutting. **Each 5c; Doz. 50c.**



**Dwarf Excelsior
Pearl Tuberose.**



Lily of the Valley

Lily of the Valley. A very hardy perennial suitable for partial shade. Increases rapidly. Very fragrant bell-shaped flowers. Each 8c; Doz. 70c.

Maderia Vine. A handsome vine which grows twelve or fifteen feet long, and bears clusters of fragrant white flowers. The tuberous roots should be lifted in the fall and kept in the cellar. Good tubers. Each 5c; Doz. 50c.

GLADIOLI.

This is one of the easiest flowers to grow, is sure to bloom, one of the most beautiful, finest for cutting and freest from the attacks of insect pests. If you have no other flowers, you can and should have Gladioli, and no matter how many other flowers you have, you should have Gladioli anyway. They will grow in most any soil, but it should be worked deeply and mixed with well-rotted manure before planting. Never put fresh manure close to any kind of bulbs. Plant after the ground is warm in a trench six inches deep. Set bulbs upright in the trench four to six inches apart. Cover two or three inches deep and as the plants grow fill in around them until the ground is level or they may be ridged a little but not much. Keep the surface well stirred and never allow a crust to form around the plants. The rows may be only a foot apart in good soil but a little more room for cultivation is better.

For bouquets cut the spike as soon as the first blooms are open, leaving a few leaves on the plant to mature the bulb. Every bulb will open when kept in the house if the water is changed daily.

When the leaves have died either from maturity or frost, dig the bulbs, cut off the stalks with shears close to bulb. Spread the bulbs out in a dry room for several days until thoroughly dry before packing in a dry frost-proof place for winter. The little bulblets attached to the large ones may be kept and planted, producing blooming size bulbs in one to three years.

I have tried out and selected for my patrons a few of the finest

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and best of the new and old from a list of hundreds of named kinds. All gladioli listed are nice plump bulbs of blooming size.

Purple Glory (Ruffled). The giant of the Kunderdii Glory race. This is one of a new and higher type of Gladioli originated by A. E. Kunderd. Deep velvety maroon red, with almost black blotches. Beautifully ruffled petals. A magnificent flower. **Each \$1.00.**

Le Marechal Foch. A very large flower, beautiful shade of light pink. Early. One of the best new Gladioli. **Each 15c; Doz. \$1.50.**

Evelyn Kirtland. Beautiful rose pink. Large flowers on very tall spikes. Fine. **Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.**

Gold Drop. A very large ruffled primulinus hybrid, of pure, deep yellow, with red line on petals. One of the finest yellow glads to be had. **Each \$1.00.**

General Joffre. The improved "War". Scarlet red slightly mottled deeper scarlet. Earlier and better than "War." Spike strong and straight. **Each 10c; Doz \$1.00.**

Louise. An extra large well-opened flower of fine lavender color with wine-colored blotch. **Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.**

L'Immaculee. A pure waxy white without a blemish. Many flowers open at once. Fine for all floral work. **Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.**

Mrs. Dr. Norton. La France pink with lighter throat. Large flowers of fine quality on strong straight spike. One of the most beautiful Glads. **Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.**

Crimson Glow. Deep scarlet-red, lighter in throat. One of the best scarlets in existence. **Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.**

Halley. Light geranium pink. Large flowers. One of the earliest, and very popular. **Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.**

Golden Measure. Pure golden yellow with no markings. Many large well-arranged blooms open at once. Has received many prizes. One of the best yellow Glads ever introduced. **Each 50c; Doz. \$4.00.**

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Kunderdii Glory. Creamy white. Lower petals buff with purple blotch. Ruffled Petals. **Each 10c; Doz. 80c.**

Rev. Ewbank. Clear porcelain blue, lower petals cream with purplish red stripes. One of the best blue Glads. **Each 40c; Doz. \$4.00.**

Myra. One of Kunderd's new Primulinus Hybrids, of deep salmon over yellow ground. Tall slender stems. A very graceful flower. **Each 35c.**

1910 Rose. Large pure rose pink, white markings on lower petals. One of the best. **Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.**

Alice Tiplady. A very large prize-winning Primulinus Hybrid of most beautiful orange-saffron color. **Each 20c; Doz. \$2.00.**

America... A beautiful lavender pink, large wax-like flowers. One of the leading commercial varieties. **Each 5c; Doz. 50c.**

Baron J. Hulot. One of the best blue Gladioli. Very pretty. **Each 15c; Doz. \$1.50.**

Augusta. White with small rose stripes on lower petals. **Each 5c; Doz. 50c.**

Empress of India. A rich dark red. Large and beautiful. **Each 10c; Doz. \$1.00.**

Gladioli in Mixture. I have a large stock of nice clean plump bulbs of nearly all kinds in hundreds of shades and colors of gladioli, in mixture, containing many of the finest and best varieties of this admirable flower. Fine blooming size bulbs. **Per Doz. 25c; Per 100 \$2.00.**

HARDY PHLOX.



Hardy Phlox.

One of the most beautiful perennial flowers. I can recommend the following kinds. If you have no perennial Phlox, you should surely order some as it will please you for many years after once planted.

Jeanne d'Arc. Pure white, very fine late variety.

Miss Lingard. White, early flowering, the best early Phlox.

Champs Elysee. Rich crimson.

Coquelicot. Fine scarlet with deep red eye.

LaVague. Pure mauve, with red eye.

Rynstroom. Lively rose pink.

Any of the above: Each 25c; Doz. \$2.50.

Please order your perennial Phlox early or I may not be able to supply your wants.

Please Note: Anything listed in this catalogue will be delivered PREPAID at prices quoted.

I sell 50 plants or bulbs at rate per 100; 6 at rate per dozen.

Flower Seeds.

The following flowers should be planted on any good garden soil which has previously been plowed or dug deep and thoroughly pulverized. Seed of the hardier kinds, such as Poppy, Phlox and Gailardia, should be planted quite early. The tender annuals as Balsam, Rose Moss, Petunia and Zinnia should not be planted till all danger of frost is past. Cover seeds according to their size, about four times the depth of the diameter of the seed. As the plants grow they should be thinned so as to keep them from crowding each other. Always keep the surface stirred among your flowers and you will keep the weeds down and the soil will retain moisture in time of drouth.

Balsam, or Touch-Me-Not. A tender annual growing one and half to two and a half feet high with full double flowers in the axils of leaves, in many colors from pure waxy white to purple. I offer only one grade of mixed balsam seed and you will find them the best and doubtest you ever grew. **Pkt. 15c.**



Balsam Superflora.

across. They are a beautiful shade of red. Can only offer the one color this year. **Pkt. 25c.**

Balsam Superflora. This is a new species of balsam, unlike and superior to the double rose or camelia flowered balsam. The flowers are not only much larger than those of any other kind but are grown on the tops of the branches above and outside all the leaves, making them as showy as the flowers of a rose or a zinnia. I developed this odd and sensationally beautiful species, and take pleasure in introducing it to those who are looking for something better and different in flowers. It is so different in position and size of flowers that none of the many visitors at my garden recognized it as a balsam. The flowers are very double and I have grown many of them each three and a half and four inches

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California Poppy (*Eschscholtzia*). Hardy annual. Low spreading growth good for borders or massing. Delicate waxy primrose yellow flowers on graceful stems. Sow seed where flowers are to stand and thin to one foot apart. Pkt. 5c.

California Poppy Rosy Morn. Same as above but mixed shades of red instead of yellow. Pkt. 10c.

Calliopsis. An annual two feet high with yellow and brown flowers an inch across on slender graceful stems. Pkt. 10c.

Chinese Wool Flower (*Celosia Childsii*). A tender annual. A type of *Celosia Plumosa* introduced a few years ago, two to three feet high, large crimson gobular heads. Very pretty. Plant in rich soil in May. Requires considerable moisture. Pkt. 5c.

Cockscomb Celosia. Tender annual. Tall crested red. Pkt. 10c.

Cockscomb. Dwarf Varigated. Pkt. 10c.

Annual Gaillardia. Hardy annual. Excellent for cut flowers. One to one and a half feet high. Double and single, mixed colors. Pkt. 5c.

Perennnial Gaillardia. Hardy Perennial. Single yellow flowers, brown centers. Fine for cutting. Will bloom some first year from seed. All *Gaillardia* blooms profusely from early summer till freezing and resists drouth well. No insect ever attacked it for me. Pkt. 10c.

Marvel of Peru or Four O'Clock. Half hardy perennial, blooming freely first season from seed. Roots may be lifted, kept in cellar, and reset in spring to bloom earlier than from seed. All colors mixed. Pkt. 5c.

Petunia. These will grow with little attention and bloom profusely all summer, reseed themselves and come again next year. I offer a mixture of all the brightest colors, with no white ones. They are not double, nor the largest in the world, but they are of good size with bright velvety flowers. Mixed colors. Pkt. 10c.

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Phlox Drummondii. Very pretty, low growing, spreading hardy annual, free blooming throughout the summer. A grand mixture of all colors. Pkt. 5c.

Portulaca or Rose Moss. Annual. Blooms freely from early summer till frost in any old kind of soil. Stands drouth well. Colors, red, yellow, pink, white and striped. Plant very shallow after danger of frost is past. Mixed colors, double and single, but mostly single. Pkt. 5c.

Poppy, Giant Double. This is the most magnificent lot of poppies I ever saw. They are very large, full double, fringed. In all colors of red, pink, purple and white. Plant early where they are to stand as they will not bear transplanting. Finest mixed. Pkt. 5c.

Scabiosa, or Mourning Bride. Double flowers in many shades of red, lavender and purple, also white, on long slender stems. Excellent for cutting. Mixed. Pkt. 5c.

Snapdragon. Dwarf Mixed. A perennial which will bloom first year from seed. Grows about eighteen inches high. Bears spikes of beautiful flowers in many colors. Fine for bouquets. Mixed colors. Pkt. 5c.

Tulip Poppy. The only poppy suitable for cutting. Similar in appearance to yellow California Poppy, but grows more upright with larger flowers on longer stems. Pkt. 10c.

Zinnia. Annual. My zinnias are hybridized. The double Giant or Collossal type crossed on the double Pompon. Larger than the Pompons and smaller than the other parent. Long stemmed, very double and all the brightest colors. Though I cut down all single flowering Zinnias as soon as they bloom and save only seed of the most double, a few come single anyway, but not many. Pkt. 5c.

